Proposals on Electoral Reforms

2174. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals from political parties and Election Commission regarding Electoral Reforms are now pending with the Government since long;

(b) if so, whether the Government could by this time, formalise its decisions with regard to each of the proposals; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The proposals sent by the Election Commission on electoral reforms are still under examination within the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Proposals regarding electoral reforms having far reaching implications require detailed examination. Further consultation with the Election Commission is in progress. Government are committed to take final decision in the area of poll reforms only after consultation with political parties. Government would commence such consultations after provisional decisions are taken within the Government on various proposals. It would be difficult to rush through proposals in this complex and sensitive area of our policy. Government are however keen to implement electoral reforms as expeditiously as possible.

Reported statement of Chief Justice of India and Judiciary

2175. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has since been drawn to a speech delivered by the Chief Justice of India, Mr. Justice P. N. Bhagwati, on the 26th November, 1985 on the state of Judiciary; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is fully conscious about the state of Judiciary and it has taken various steps to improve the Judicial system. The Government has now requested the Law Commission to study the problem of judicial reforms in accordance with the terms of reference approved by the Government and make its recommendations available to the Government as early as possible.

Major electoral reforms for breaking the nexus between Black money and politicians

2176. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider it desirable to break the nexus between the black money operators and politicians;

(b) if so, whether major electoral reforms are considered essential to attain the objective;

(c) if so, the steps taken so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The use of black money for any purpose, including elections, can be curbed only by preventing the generation and proliferation of black money itself. The phenomenon is quite complex and a

sustained and multi-pronged attack from various directions is necessary. It is not feasible to curb the generation of black money by electoral reforms alone. The major aim of electoral reforms is to purify the election process and to achieve free and fair elections.

Telephone service in Haryana villages

2177. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the number of villages in Haryana which are likely to be provided with telephone facilities during the year 1986-87; and

(b) the financial implications of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) 72 villages are proposed to be provided with telephone facilities during the year 1986-87. The names are given in the attached Statement.

(b) The expenditure is estimated at about Rupess Seventy-two lakhs (72 lakhs).

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Village
	Ambala District
1	Karnpur
2	Safilpur
3	Ajijpur
4	Marwah Khurd
5	Fatehgarh
6	Farraukhpur
7	Khanpur
8	Saran
9	Jai Dharn
10	Dudhar
	Kurukshetra District
11	Armali
	Ambala District
12	Mandoli
	Bhiwani District
13	Garena
14	Lilas
15	Phura Khurd
16	Masani
17	Mandholi
18	Bidhwan
19	Khera
20	Karanpura
21	Issarwal
22	Saral
23	Leghabanan
24	Bagena
25	Sherah
	Karnal District
26	Kalkkho
	Mohindergarh District
27	Jhangroli
	Sirsa District
28	Chaharwala
29	Nathu Sari Kalan
30	Ottu
31	Surtia